

copper king. It will be remembered that several weeks ago it was stated that the Anaconda mines had shut down, and Mr. Haggin gave as a reason that the Northern and Union Pacific Railway Companies had increased the rates of transportation to such high figures as to render the working of the mines unprofitable. The reason, however, was discredited, the opinion being freely expressed that Haggin had induced the railway companies to advance freight, in order that he might the better conceal the fact of his great mine running out, and so give him a chance of unloading upon one of the rich English syndicates, before the fact leaked out. If it be true that Mr. Haggin has actually sold out to the Rothschilds, the situation will no doubt be replenished with interest, as the many rumors in connection with it has brought to mind the copper crash of 1889, when a Paris syndicate was formed for the purpose of controlling the copper trade of the world on a capital of about \$20,000,000. It is held that Mr. Haggin's transfer of the Anaconda mine to the Rothschilds does not by any means imply that he will relinquish his calling as a shrewd manipulator of the market, and the question whether the Rothschilds will be able to control the world's copper trade may be as doubtful as ever.

BREADSTUFFS.—The local flour market rules dull with less business doing because buyers supplied themselves pretty well during the active spell, and are now taking only what they actually want. Still something is doing for all that, but the market has a decidedly easy tone. Beerbohm's cable reports wheat in England quiet but steady and corn *nil*. French country markets firm. In Chicago the wheat market has been active and prices advanced $\frac{1}{2}$ c. to $1\frac{1}{2}$ c. as to options. There is apparently but little long wheat to come out there. Dull and cold weather and repeated rains have influenced some buying, as it is more or less generally believed that these conditions will affect the coming crop. In New York wheat was very strong and advanced 1 c. to $1\frac{1}{2}$ c. and in St. Louis 1 c. to $2\frac{1}{2}$ c. The Toledo wheat market was active and advanced $\frac{1}{2}$ c. to 1 c.

BUTTER.—This market shows no very new features. Creamery is working unsettled, for while there is no accumulation of stocks, dealers find that receipts are ample and with increasing supplies on the way they recognize the necessity of pushing sales in order to escape the fall in prices that is bound to set in shortly. The market has a decidedly easy tone, and though prices are nominally unchanged as yet, a shading of fully 1 c. per lb. from former figures is reported to be freely made by holders of old stock. A recent London letter reports as follows:—"Prices of butter are racing down, there being apparently a competition in progress between different descriptions as to which shall touch bottom first. Rates are down, as compared with the sea-city period, as much as 40 per cent in some instances, while the fall all round amounts to a considerable sum. The market is extremely dull, and with continued pressure to sell from holders, who have new stocks accumulating faster than they know how to get rid of them, the lowest level does not seem to be yet reached, though it cannot be long before it is approached, buyers evincing great slowness in coming forward to supply their wants."

CHEESE.—The cheese market is decidedly on the down grade, but locally there has not been sufficient business doing to give anything like an accurate idea as to spot values. It is safe, however, to say that for actual sales the prices obtainable are nearly 2 c. lower than they were a week ago. A London correspondent writes:—"Cheese is somewhat inactive as regards English, demand being slow and prices only being kept up by the diminution of American and Canadian stocks. For the latter the market remains firm, and buyers are willing to pay the rates ruling—50s to 62s: anything good at 54s to 60s being readily taken. New Dutch is selling at 52s for Edam and 42s for Gouda, old stocks being difficult to move on account of quantity. Good to fine Canadian is quoted at Liverpool 50s to 52s, and September 59s to 60s, some new fodder at 53s to 55s. In the provincial centres business has been active in Canadian cheese for the limited quantity on hand, and at Leith, September makes are quoted 60s, these wholesale houses who have got well-kept parcels not being over anxious to sell at even that rate, and refusing all offers below that figure."

FRUIT.—This market is well supplied with green fruits, for which an active demand exists, but there is little call for dried fruit, which are offered at any price that will clear them off of the market before warm weather sets in. The only exception is perhaps in choice currants, which continue to be firmly held. Latest advices from Spain report good prospects for the new crop of raisins, which it is estimated will be quite as large as that of last year, but it is, of course, too early to calculate on definite results as yet.

SUGAR.—The trade in refined sugar is still restricted to remarkably and unusually small proportions for the reasons repeatedly given by us—that dealers dare not buy except in a hand-to-mouth fashion until the Government announces its policy respecting the duty on the raw material. We note that within the past ten days beet sugar has declined in London to 12s. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., which is the lowest figure touched since last January. Although the continental crop was not sown until late, the acreage shows an increase of 5 per cent for Germany and of 10 to 15 per cent for France and Belgium.

MOLASSES.—The jobbing demand for molasses continues to be good, and prices rule strong with an upward tendency as stocks grow smaller. The market is well cleaned up and is in excellent condition to receive the new supply which will be at hand very soon.

TEA.—The new crop of Japan teas will be on the market within the next fortnight. On spot some small sales have been effected, but those were merely to supply immediate consumptive demands. Late advices from England report the market for blacks fairly demoralized, owing to the action of several large holders, who got scared at the drooping tendency of the market and flung goods on the market at a sacrifice.

COFFEE.—The situation is firm on all grades of coffee, and several lots of Jamaica are reported to have been sold during the week. Java and Mocha

have also been in good demand. The New York market is quoted by the *Commercial Bulletin* as follows: "There has been such a nicely drawn game for some time on the market for Brazil grades that when the change comes it is most likely to be sudden and unexpected, and possibly radical in its character. While awaiting developments, however, many operators amuse themselves by repeating over the old theories, though some seem a little weary and fall into a grumbling mood over all hitches in attempted negotiation. In fact while there is nothing aggressive from the buying side, its very calm, cold manner of waiting is annoying, and holders have been placed rather more on the defensive of late, and were compelled to keep in position all the props of a supporting character that could be found."

FISH OILS.—Montreal, May 27.—"In cod oil the only new feature is the further shipment of about 200 to 300 bbls. to the English market, which indicates a better market there than here. Prices are steady and unchanged at 37c. to 39c. as to quantity. In seal oil, steam refined is selling at 45c. to 47c. according to quantity, a good sized lot being reported sold at about 45c. Norway cod liver oil quoted at \$1.05 to \$1.15."

FISH.—The situation continues unchanged. Bait is still very scarce, so that our along-shoremen cannot work to advantage, and though fish at Quorro and other adjacent banks are reported to be plentiful, the rarity of bait prevents their being taken in larger quantities than are required to supply the actual consumptive demand. A few mackerel have been taken already on our shores, and the first summer catch will doubtless be made very soon. Indications so far observed favor a large take of these valuable fish this year. Montreal reports under date of the 27th inst.:—"A fair trade has transpired since our last report, and we quote:—Boneless codfish 5c. to 6c. and boneless fish 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Yarmouth bloaters \$1.25 per hundred, salmon haddies 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. per lb."

MARKET QUOTATIONS.—WHOLESALE SELLING RATES.

Our Price Lists are corrected for us each week by reliable merchants.

GROCERIES.

SUGARS.	
Cut Leaf.....	7 to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Granulated.....	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6 $\frac{3}{4}$
Circle A.....	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
White Extra.....	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Standard.....	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 $\frac{3}{4}$
Extra Yellow C.....	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 $\frac{3}{4}$
Yellow C.....	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 $\frac{3}{4}$
TEA.	
Congou, Common.....	17 to 19
" Fair.....	20 to 23
" Good.....	25 to 29
" Choice.....	31 to 33
" Extra Choice.....	35 to 36
Oolong, Choice.....	37 to 38
MOLASSES.	
Barbadoes.....	31 to 35
Demerara.....	35 to 38
Diamond N.....	38
Porto Rico.....	35 to 37
Cienfuegos.....	none
Trinidad.....	31
Antigua.....	31
Tobacco, Black.....	38 to 44
" Bright.....	42 to 58
BISCUITS.	
Pilot Bread.....	3.15
Toston and Tain Family.....	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Soda.....	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
do in lb. boxes, 50 to case.....	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Fancy.....	8 to 15

HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

Apples, per bbl. N S.....	3.00 to 4.50
Oranges, Valencia, per case.....	5.50
Lemons, per case.....	8.00
Cocoanuts, new, per 100.....	4.50
Onions, New Berm., per crate.....	2.40
" Egyptian, new.....	3
Dates boxes, new.....	6
Raisins, Valencia, new.....	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Figs, Elme, 8 lb boxes per lb., new.....	12
" small boxes.....	11 to 13
Prunes, Stewing, boxes.....	10
Hannas.....	2.25 to 3.00
Tomatoes, new, per box.....	75

C. H. Harvey, 12 & 10 Sackville St.

FISH.

	Ex Vessel.	Ex Store
MACKEREL.		
Extra.....		81.00
No. 1.....		17.00
" 2 large.....		16.00
" 3 large.....		15.00
" 3 large, Reamed.....		11.00
" 3 large, Plain.....		11.00
" 3 large.....		9.00
Small.....		7.50
HERRING.		
No. 1 C. R. July.....		5.50
" 1 Fall, Split.....	3.50	4.50
" 1 Fall Round.....	3.25	4.25
" 1 Labrador.....		5.25
" 1 Georges Bay.....		none
" 1 Bay of Islands.....	3.00	3.25
ALBACORE, No. 1.....	none	none
SALMON.		
No. 1, R. R. L.....		18.00
No. 2, R. R. L.....		16.00
" 3.....		14.00
Small.....		12.00
CODFISH.		
Hard C. R.....	4.75	5.25 to 5.50
Western Shore.....	4.50	4.75 to 5.00
Bank.....	none	5.00 to 5.25
Bay.....	none	none
Newfoundland.....	none	none
Haddock.....	3.50	4.00
Hard C. R.....	3.50	3.75
Bank & Western.....	3.25	3.25 to 3.50
Hake.....	2.50	3.40
Pollock.....	none	none
Hake Sound, per lb.....	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	30c.
Cod Oil, gal.....	22c.	

BREADSTUFFS.

Are rather depressed; the natural sequence of the late inflated prices. There is no material change in prices, excepting in corn, which is quite a little off. Oats and Cornmeal, we may say, are also easier. There is little or no profit in flour. We look for full prices in July and August.

WHEAT.	
Manitoba Highest Grade Patents.....	6.25 to 6.35
High Grade Patents.....	6.10 to 6.15
Good 90 per cent. Patents.....	5.60 to 5.75
Straight Grade.....	5.00 to 5.50
Superior Extras.....	4.20 to 5.40
Good Seconds.....	5.15 to 5.20
Graham Flour.....	1.25 to 1.50
Oatmeal.....	6.20 to 6.30
" Rolled.....	6.35 to 6.50
Kila Dried Cornmeal.....	3.95 to 4.10
" In Bond.....	3.60
Rolls Wheat.....	5.50
Wheat Bran, per ton.....	23.00 to 24.00
Shorts.....	26.00 to 27.00
Middlings.....	27.50 to 28.50
Cracked Corn " including bags.....	42.00
Ground Oil Cake, per ton.....	34.00 to 35.00
Moules.....	31.00 to 35.00
Split Peas.....	4.00
White Beans, per bushel.....	1.80 to 2.00
Pot Barley, per barrel.....	3.90 to 4.10
Canadian Oats, choice quality.....	63 to 65
Hay per ton.....	11.75 to 13.00

J. A. CHIPMAN & Co., Head of Central Wharf, Halifax, N. S.

PROVISIONS.

Beef, Am. Ex. Mess, duty paid.....	11.50 to 15.00
" Am. Plate.....	14.50 to 16.00
" Ex. Plate.....	16.00 to 16.50
Pork, Mess, American.....	17.00 to 17.50
" American.....	18.50 to 19.00
" P. E. I. Mess.....	16.50 to 17.00
" P. E. I. This Mess.....	15.50 to 16.00
" Prime Mess.....	12.50 to 13.00
Lard, Tubs and Pails, P. E. Island.....	11 to 12
" American.....	15 to 16
Hams, P. E. I., green.....	15 to 16

Prices are for wholesale lots only, and available to change daily.

BUTTER AND CHEESE

Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints.....	30
" " in Small Tubs.....	28
" Good, in large tubs, new.....	20 to 22
" " old.....	7 to 14
" Store Packed & overmalted.....	10
Canadian Township, new.....	20
" Western.....	20
" old.....	7 to 10
Cheese, Canadian.....	12
" Antigonish.....	1

SALT.

Factory filled.....	\$1.20
Fine Liverpool, bag, from store.....	55
Liverpool, " hhd., ".....	1.10
Afloat.....	1.10
Caillie.....	none
Turkey Island.....	1.50
Lisbon.....	none
Coarse W. I. ".....	none
Trapani.....	\$1.25
" afloat.....	\$1.20